

**WEST DES MOINES
HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEETING
Thursday, April 10, 2014**

Commissioners Present: Frank Harty, Ila Plasencia, Justine Morton

Commissioners Absent: Jay Sehgal, Bernell Edwards

Staff Representatives: Althea Holcomb, Mindy Hotovec

Guests: None present

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 4:24 p.m.

1. Approval of February 2014 minutes

- Ila Plasencia moved to approve; Frank Harty seconded the motion.

2. Opportunity for Public to Address the Commission

- None present

3. Chair Report

- Current packet information was reviewed.

4. Staff Report - Althea Holcomb

- Althea reviewed the expenditure report ending February 28th. Mindy noted a \$250 contribution to the March 19th Greater Des Moines Friends of Human Rights Symposium that is not reflected on this report yet.
- Althea also reported that Police Chief Shaun LaDue will be presenting his annual report at the June meeting. Althea is also going to invite the new city manager to attend.

5. Report on Human Rights Phone Line

- Frank reported no calls to the phone line.

6. Report from Commissioners on recent activities

- Ila will be assisting with the 10th Annual Festival Cinco de Mayo in Valley Junction on Saturday, May 3rd. The festival will include live music, food, dancing and family activities.
- Justine recently served on the interview committee for the open police captain position in West Des Moines.
- Justine and Ila reported they were not able to attend the March Human Rights Symposium.

7. Old Business

- None discussed.

8. New Business

- Althea reported that Jay Sehgal has moved from West Des Moines to Clive and unfortunately, is no longer eligible to serve on the commission. Justine suggested Bob Parks as a possible replacement. Althea will contact the City Manager's office to see if they have other applications to consider.

9. Next Meeting Date

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12th 2014.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 pm.

Notetaker: Mindy Hotovec